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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are proud to congratulate Darrell McGibany of
4 Alton on his retirement from the Madison County Probation
5 Department in December of 2007; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. McGibany has spent his lifetime helping
7 children of all walks of life, fortunate and unfortunate; he
8 spent his entire career in Madison County, starting as a
9 probation officer in 1974, promoted to Superintendent of
10 Detention in 1978, then promoted again to Associate Director of
11 Probation and Court Services in 1988; he served as Director of
12 Probation and Court Services from 1996 until his retirement;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. McGibany received his Bachelor of Arts degree
15 in Government in 1968 from Centenary College in Shreveport,
16 Louisiana and his Master of Arts degree in Government from
17 Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois in 1972; he
18 received an additional Master of Arts degree in Criminal
19 Justice from Sangamon State University in Springfield,
20 Illinois in 1982; and

21 WHEREAS, The professional career of Mr. McGibany has been
22 distinguished by his exceptional efforts to modernize court

1 services and probation, developing and promoting programs that
2 are the model for probation departments, not only in Illinois
3 but across the country; these efforts include pretrial
4 services, victim services, school-based probation, public
5 service employment, enhanced detention services, drug court,
6 mental health court, truancy court, community corrections,
7 offender intake and assessment, satellite offices, intensive
8 probation and treatment for sex offenders and domestic violence
9 offenders, and evidence-based practices; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. McGibany has received numerous letters of
11 commendation, awards, and recognition for his tireless
12 efforts, including the William C. Albertson Award in 1984, the
13 S. William Ettinger Award in 1992, and the Gene Hughes Award in
14 2000, all from the Illinois Probation and Court Services
15 Association for his contributions to the probation profession
16 throughout his career; he also received the greatest
17 recognition of all, being universally acclaimed as a "Probation
18 Officer's Probation Officer"; and

19 WHEREAS, Despite the time commitments necessary to
20 successfully administer the probation and court services
21 department in Madison County, Mr. McGibany has provided his
22 expertise to the probation community on a state-wide and
23 national basis, serving as President of the Illinois Probation
24 and Court Services Association from 1988 to 1990, serving on

1 the Board of Directors of the American Probation and Parole
2 Association from 1999 to 2007, and serving as a Commissioner on
3 the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission from 1994 to the
4 present; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. McGibany was equally devoted to his co-workers
6 as he was to his clients, mentoring young probation officers
7 and teaching them from the heart, not just the rule book; he
8 was well known for placing the needs of "his" juveniles and
9 "his" co-workers above his own, becoming a modern day version
10 of John Augustus, the father of probation, epitomizing Mr.
11 Augustus' self description, "My mission has been to raise the
12 fallen, reform the criminal and so far as my humble abilities
13 would allow, to transform the abode of suffering and misery to
14 the home of happiness"; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. McGibany provided to all he knew the greatest
16 example of public service and personal service, as shown by his
17 devotion to his family, as a loving husband to his wife, Rita,
18 as a loving father to Ted, Lisa, Kate, and Matt, and as the
19 special grandfather to his four grandchildren; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
21 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
22 congratulate Darrell McGibany on his retirement from the
23 Madison County Probation and Courts Services Department and

1 wish him all the best in his future endeavors; and be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 presented to Darrell McGibany as an expression of our esteem,
5 and that additional copies be presented to the Circuit Court of
6 Madison County and the Probation and Court Services Department
7 of Madison County, in recognition of Mr. McGibany's
8 distinguished career.